

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

**ALOFT MEDIA, LLC,**

**Plaintiff,**

**V.**

**MICROSOFT CORPORATION.**

**Defendant.**

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**Civil Action No. 6:08-cv-50**

## JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

## ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

This is an action for patent infringement in which Plaintiff Aloft Media, LLC (“Aloft Media”) complains against Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”) (hereinafter “Defendant”) as follows:

## PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Aloft Media is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business at 111 W. Tyler Street, Suite C-1, Longview, TX 75601.
2. Upon information and belief, Microsoft is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington. Microsoft may be served with process through its Registered Agent, Corporation Service Company located at 701 Brazos Street, Suite 1050, Austin, Texas 78701.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has transacted business in this district and has committed and/or induced and/or contributed to acts of patent infringement in this district.

5. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at least to its substantial business in this forum, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and in this Judicial District.

#### **PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

6. Aloft Media is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,305,625 ("the '625 patent") entitled "Data Networking System and Method for Interfacing a User." The '625 patent issued on December 4, 2007. A true and correct copy of '625 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

7. On information and belief, Microsoft has been and now is directly infringing, and/or inducing infringement by others, and/or contributing to the infringement by others of the '625 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States. Microsoft's infringements include, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling systems and computer software products, including without limitation: (1) the MSN services system including MSN Explorer, and (2) the Microsoft Windows Live services system and its associated computer software. Microsoft is thus liable for infringement of the '625 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

8. On information and belief, to the extent any marking was required by 35 U.S.C. § 287, such marking requirements have been complied with.

9. As a result of the Defendant's infringement of the '625 patent, Aloft Media has suffered monetary damages that are compensable under 35 U.S.C. § 284 adequate to compensate it for the infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty, and will continue to suffer such monetary damages in the future unless Defendant's infringing activities are permanently enjoined by this Court.

10. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, attorneys, representatives, affiliates, and all other acting on their behalf from infringing the '625 patent, Aloft Media will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

11. This case presents exceptional circumstances within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and Aloft Media is thus entitled to an award of its reasonable attorneys' fees.

12. Upon information and belief, Defendant's infringements are willful, at least if Defendant continues to infringe the '625 patent after receiving notice of this lawsuit.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Aloft Media, LLC requests that this Court enter:

1. A judgment in favor of Aloft Media, LLC that Defendant has directly, and/or by way of inducing infringement by others, and/or contributing to the infringement by others of the '625 patent, and that such infringement was willful;
2. A permanent injunction, enjoining Defendant and its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in concert or privity with them from such infringement of the '625 patent;

3. A judgment and order requiring Defendant to pay Aloft Media, LLC its damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for Defendant's infringement of the '625 patent as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

4. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Aloft Media its reasonable attorneys' fees; and

5. Any and all other relief for which the Court may deem Aloft Media, LLC entitled.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Aloft Media, LLC, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

Respectfully submitted,



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